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SUBJECT: AFRICAN WATCH INQUIRY ABOUT MME. MUJAWAMARIYA

- 1. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AFRICA WATCH HAS CONTACTED THE NSC TO REPORT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA HAS BEEN HARASSED SINCE HER RETURN FROM THE U.S. AND HER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON. AT THE NSC'S REQUEST, JANET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 02 STATE 045432 230755Z FLEISCHMAN OF AFRICA WATCH PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

ON JANUARY 23 AT ABOUT 4:00 P.M., MUJAWAMARIYA WAS STOPPED AT AN ILLEGAL ROAD BLOCK IN THE GITEGA SECTION OF KIGALI. THE BARRICADE WAS MANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE INTERAHAMWE, THE MILITIA OF THE MRND POLITICAL PARTY. MEMBERS OF INTERAHAMWE THREATENED TO KILL HER; ONE WAVED IN HER FACE A LARGE KNIFE WITH BLOOD ON IT. FORTUNATELY, MME. MUJAWAMARIYA MANAGED TO FRIGHTEN THE CROWD BY TELLING THEM

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THAT HELP WAS ON THE WAY. THEY THEN FLED, WHICH ALLOWED HER TO ESCAPE.,

ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 26, MME. MUJAWAMARIYA

ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER BARRICADE AT GISHUSHU IN KIGALI. ONCE AGAIN, SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AND HER VEHICLE WAS STONED BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA. THE WINDSHIELD AND OTHER WINDOWS OF HER CAR WERE BROKEN, BUT SHE ESCAPED UNHARMED.

ON FEBRUARY 3, AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CUT THE TELEPHONE WIRES OUTSIDE MME. MUJAWANMARIYA'S RESIDENCE.

3. POST IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT MRS. MUJAWAMYIRA FIRST AND, BASED ON YOUR MEETING, TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THESE REPORTS THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND REPORT YOUR FINDINGS. IF POST DETERMINES THAT MUJAWAMIRIYA HAS BEEN HARASSED, DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CABLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A FORMAL PROTEST, ASSUMING MUJAWAMYIRA DOES NOT OBJECT TO SUCH A DEMARCHE.

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